

# Event-Based Control and Estimation

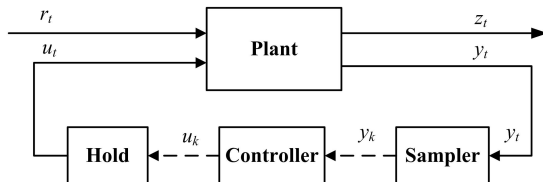
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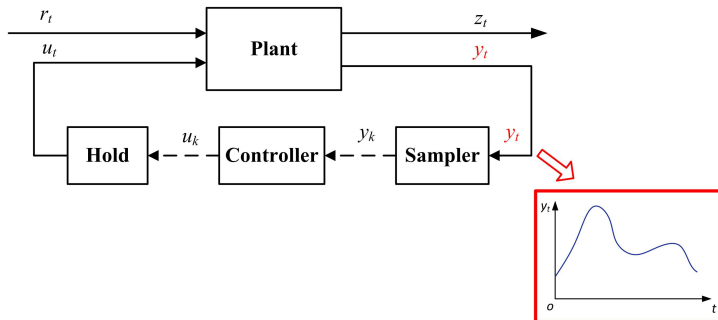
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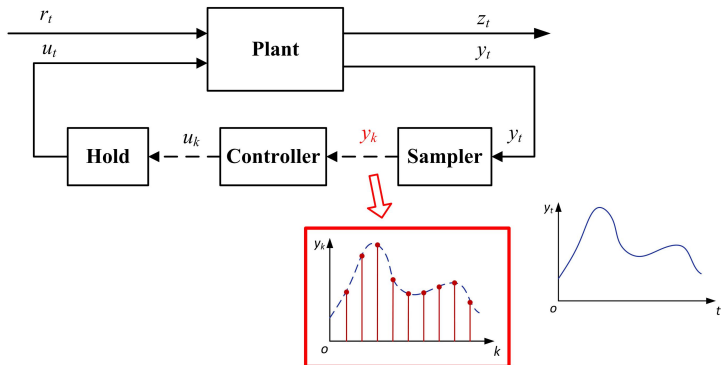
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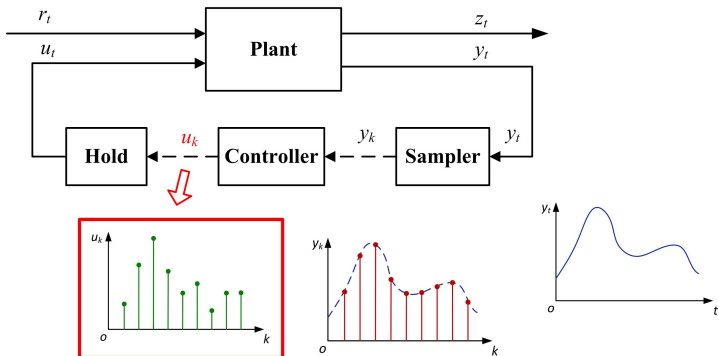
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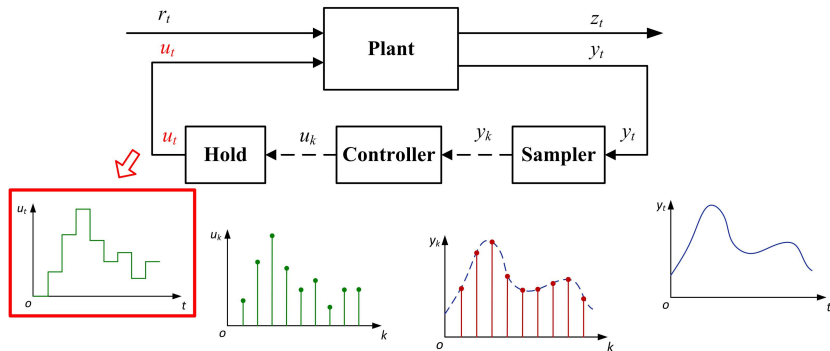
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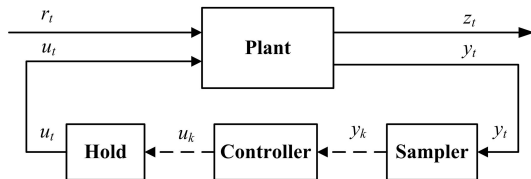
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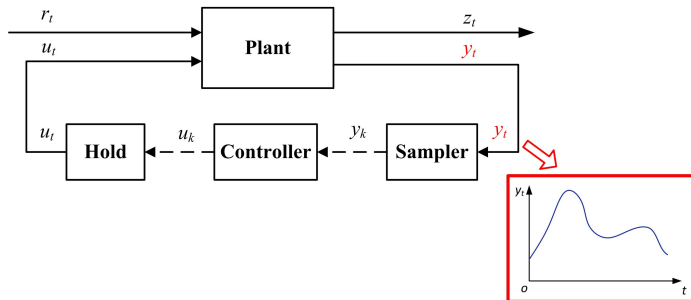
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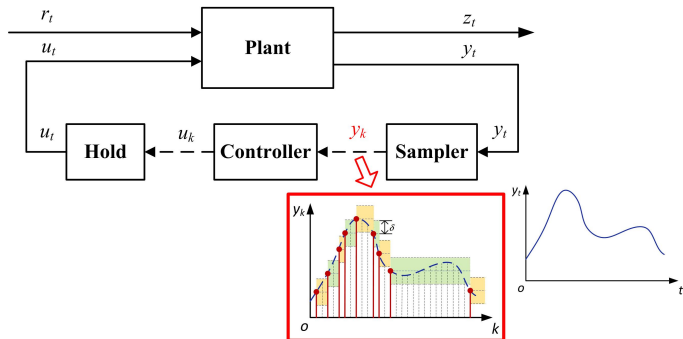


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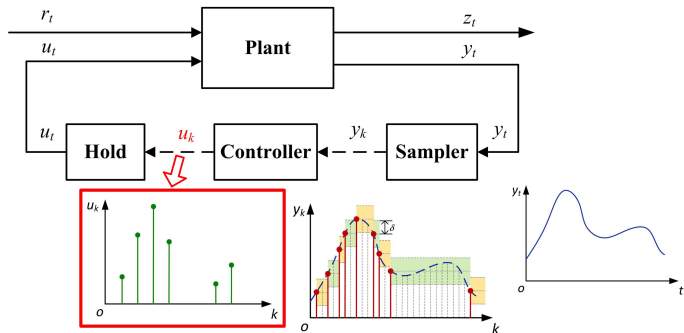




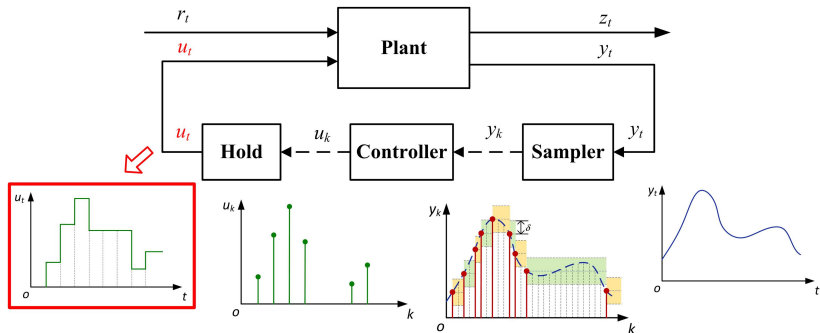
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# Pioneering Work by Åström and Bernhardsson (CDC'02)

Scalar **first-order** process:

$$dx = axdt + udt + dw.$$

**Impulsive** control is updated whenever

$$|x(t)| \geq d$$

Asymptotic average **variance**:

$$V = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \mathbb{E} \{x^2(t)\} dt$$

Comparison for  $a = 0$  with the same **average** sampling period:

$$\frac{V_P}{V_E} = 3$$

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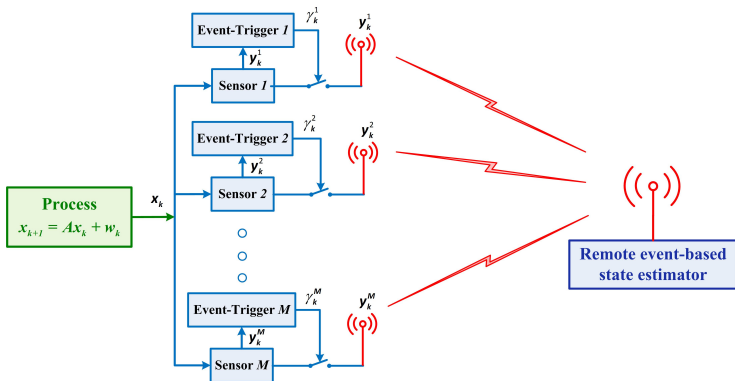
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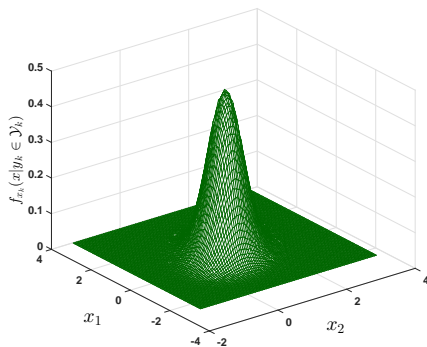
- For  $i \in \mathbb{N}_{1:M}$ , define

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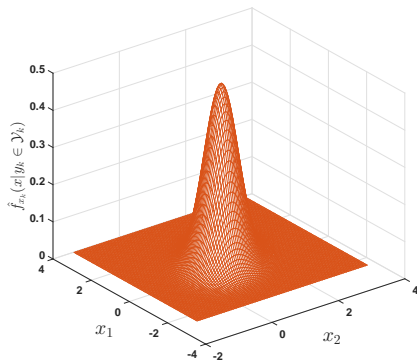
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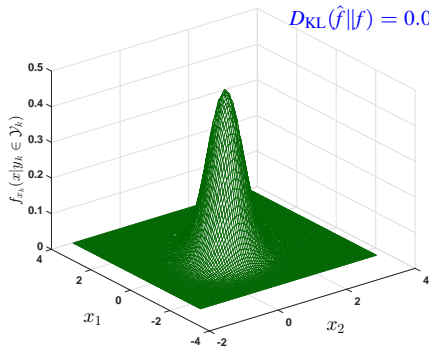


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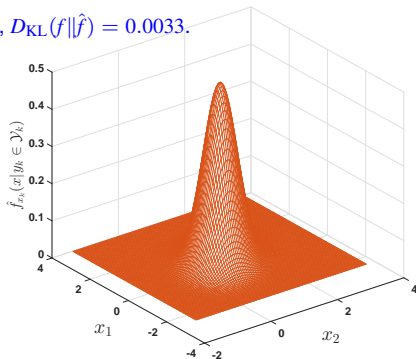
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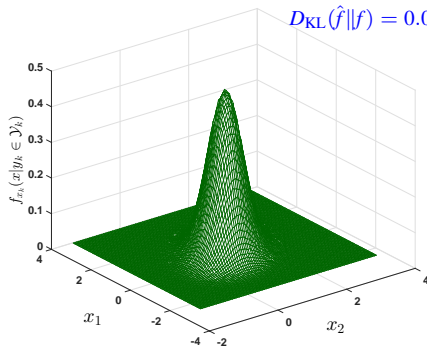


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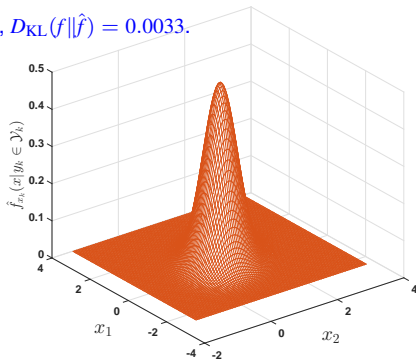
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## Assumption

*The conditional distribution of  $x_k$  on the event-triggered measurement information  $\mathcal{I}_k^i$  is approximately Gaussian.*



# Results for general event-triggering conditions

## Theorem

1. The optimal prediction  $\hat{x}_k^0$  of the state  $x_k$  and the corresponding covariance  $P_k^0$  are given by

$$\hat{x}_k^0 = A\hat{x}_{k-1}^M, P_k^0 = h(P_{k-1}^M).$$

2. For  $i \in \mathbb{N}_{0:M-1}$ , the fusion of information from the  $(i+1)$ th sensor leads to the following recursive state estimation equations:

If  $\gamma_k^{i+1} = 1$ ,

$$\hat{x}_k^{i+1} = \hat{x}_k^i + L_k^{i+1}(\bar{z}_k^{i+1} - \bar{z}_k^{i+1|i}), P_k^{i+1} = \tilde{g}_{i+1}(P_k^i);$$

If  $\gamma_k^{i+1} = 0$ ,

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where  $h(\cdot)$  and  $\tilde{g}_{i+1}(\cdot)$  are the Lyapunov and Riccati operators,

$\bar{z}_k^{i+1|i} := C^{i+1}(\hat{x}_k^i - \hat{x}_k^0)$ ,  $\bar{z}_k^{i+1|i+1} := \mathbf{E}(\bar{z}_k^{i+1} | \mathcal{I}_k^{i+1})$ , and

$L_k^{i+1} := P_k^i (C^{i+1})^\top [C^{i+1} P_k^i (C^{i+1})^\top + R^{i+1}]^{-1}$ .

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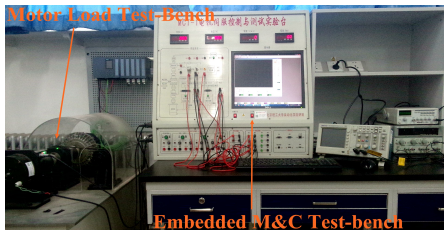
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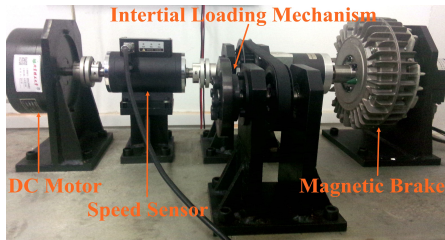
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$\phi(z) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}z^2)$  and  $\mathcal{Q}(\cdot)$  being the standard Q-function.

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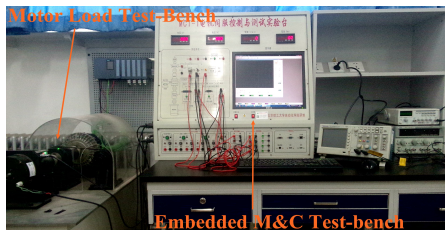


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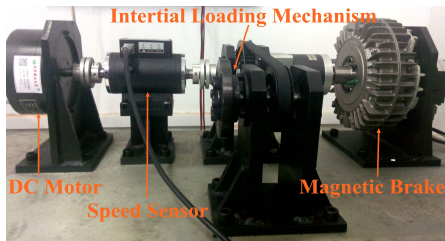


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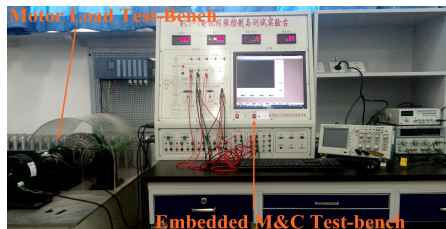


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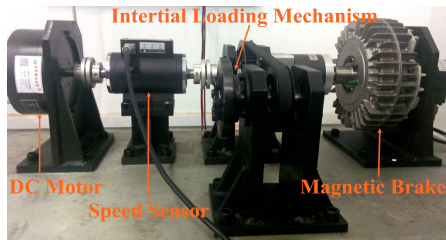
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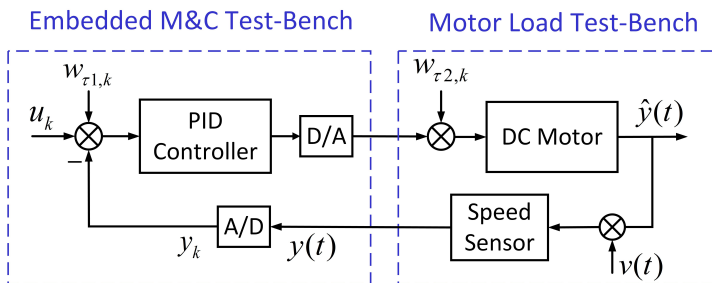
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- Goal: To estimate the **actual** speed of the motor using **event-triggered** and **noisy** speed measurement information  $\mathcal{I}_k$ :

$$\mathcal{I}_k := \{(\gamma_0, \gamma_0 y_0), (\gamma_1, \gamma_1 y_1), \dots, (\gamma_k, \gamma_k y_k)\}.$$

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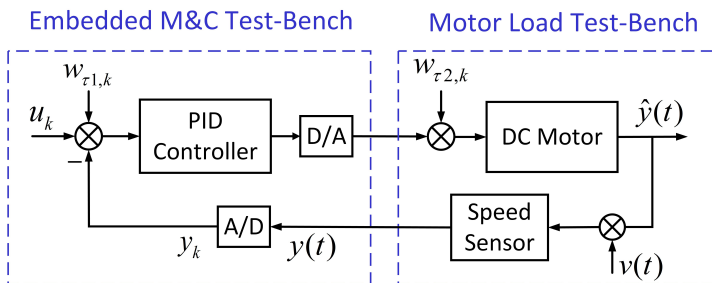


- Model structure:

$$G(s) = \left( \frac{k_1}{T_1 s + 1} + \frac{k_2}{s^2 / \omega_n^2 + 2\zeta s / \omega_n + 1} \right) \times e^{-ls};$$

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## Modeling: Identifying a continuous-time model



- Model structure:

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- Identified model:

$$G(s) = \left( \frac{0.415}{1.937s + 1} + \frac{0.565}{s^2/12 + 0.15s + 1} \right) \times e^{-0.28s}.$$



## Modeling: Discretization and state-space realization

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- Sampling time  $h = 0.02\text{s}$
- Discrete-time state-space model:

$$x_{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.01998 & 0.0002 \\ -0.0012 & 0.9974 & 0.0195 \\ -0.121 & -0.2537 & 0.9522 \end{bmatrix} x_k + \begin{bmatrix} 0.001374 \\ 0.13668 \\ -0.213 \end{bmatrix} u_k + w_k;$$

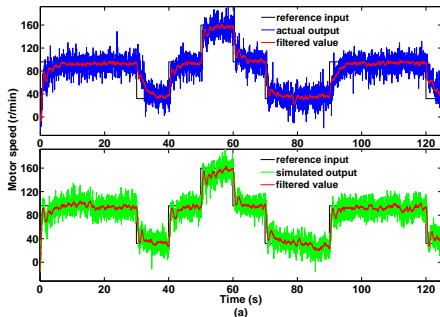
$$y_k = [1 \ 0 \ 0] x_k + v_k;$$

$$\text{Cov}(w_k) = \begin{bmatrix} 1.5 \times 10^{-4} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \times 10^{-4} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2.4 \times 10^{-4} \end{bmatrix},$$

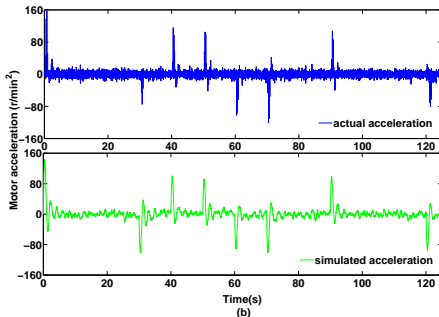
$$\text{Cov}(v_k) = 0.004.$$

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## Model validation



(a) Speed validation



(b) Acceleration validation

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## Event-based MMSE estimator:

$$\hat{x}_k^- = A\hat{x}_{k-1},$$

$$P_k^- = AP_{k-1}A^\top + Q.$$

$$\hat{x}_k = \hat{x}_k^- + P_k^- C^\top (CP_k^- C^\top + R)^{-1} CP_k^- [\gamma_k(y_k - C\hat{x}_k^-) + (1 - \gamma_k)\hat{z}_k],$$

$$P_k = P_k^- - [\gamma_k + (1 - \gamma_k)\vartheta_k] P_k^- C^\top (CP_k^- C^\top + R)^{-1} CP_k^-$$

where  $\hat{z}_k$  and  $\vartheta_k$  are defined as

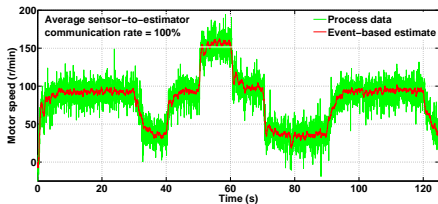
$$\hat{z}_k = \frac{\phi\left(\frac{a_k}{\Psi_{z_k}^{1/2}}\right) - \phi\left(\frac{b_k}{\Psi_{z_k}^{1/2}}\right)}{\mathcal{Q}\left(\frac{a_k}{\Psi_{z_k}^{1/2}}\right) - \mathcal{Q}\left(\frac{b_k}{\Psi_{z_k}^{1/2}}\right)} \Psi_{z_k}^{1/2}, \vartheta_k = \left[ \frac{\phi\left(\frac{a_k}{\Psi_{z_k}^{1/2}}\right) - \phi\left(\frac{b_k}{\Psi_{z_k}^{1/2}}\right)}{\mathcal{Q}\left(\frac{a_k}{\Psi_{z_k}^{1/2}}\right) - \mathcal{Q}\left(\frac{b_k}{\Psi_{z_k}^{1/2}}\right)} \right]^2 - \frac{\frac{a_k}{\Psi_{z_k}^{1/2}} \phi\left(\frac{a_k}{\Psi_{z_k}^{1/2}}\right) - \frac{b_k}{\Psi_{z_k}^{1/2}} \phi\left(\frac{b_k}{\Psi_{z_k}^{1/2}}\right)}{\mathcal{Q}\left(\frac{a_k}{\Psi_{z_k}^{1/2}}\right) - \mathcal{Q}\left(\frac{b_k}{\Psi_{z_k}^{1/2}}\right)},$$

with  $a_k$  and  $b_k$  denoting the upper and lower limits of the event-triggering set,  $\Psi_{z_k} := CP_k^- C^\top + R$ ,  $\phi(z) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}z^2)$  and  $\mathcal{Q}(\cdot)$  being the standard Q-function.

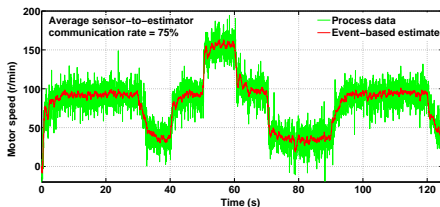
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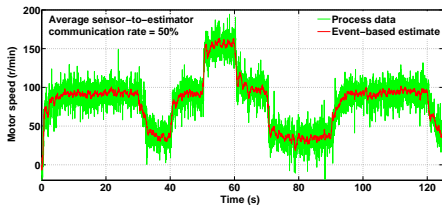
## Estimation performance for different measurement transmission rates



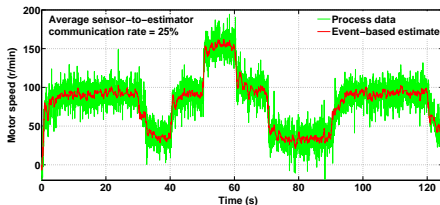
(a) Average communication rate = 100%



(b) Average communication rate = 75%

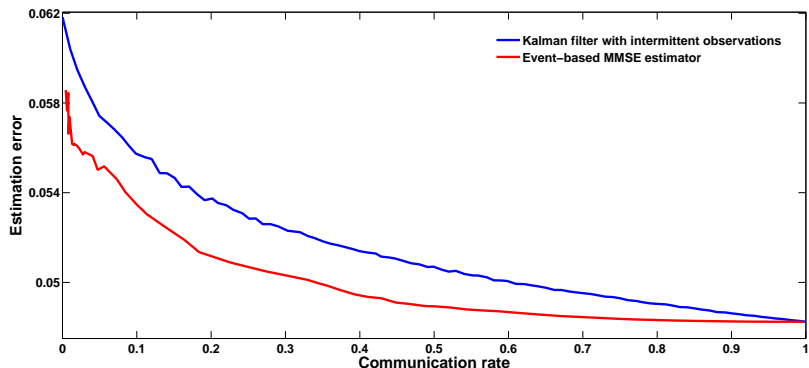


(c) Average communication rate = 50%



(d) Average communication rate = 25%

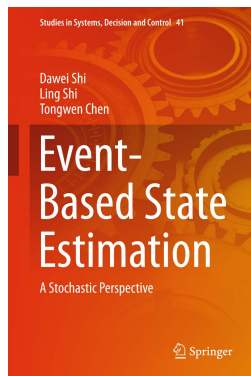
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Tradeoff between estimation error and average transmission rate

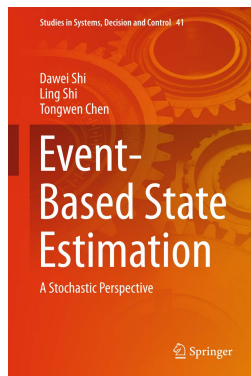
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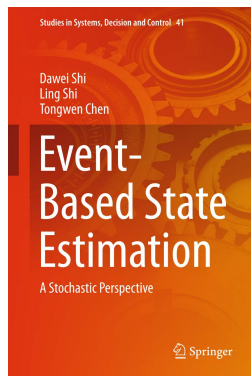


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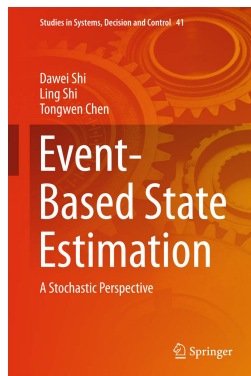
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